



Ronald N. Langston

National Director

President George W. Bush appointed Ronald N. Langston as the head of the Minority Business Development Agency (MBDA) on March 19, 2001. He is the first individual to officially hold the title of “National Director.” Currently, Mr. Langston is the longest serving Director in the history of the Agency.

Under his tenure, Langston has led the MBDA through a reorganization and transformation from an administrative agency to an entrepreneurial organization focused on achieving results through alignment, synchronization and execution. MBDA and its network of minority business centers have consistently facilitated more than \$1.0 billion worth of contract awards and financial packages for MBE clients on an annual basis. Additionally, the Agency has steadily leveraged its relationships with other federal agencies, the private sector, universities and minority chambers to offer educational opportunities. A redesign of the Agency’s website resulted in a more effective portal with on-line business tools including a business resource locator, business plan writer, matchmaking capabilities and access to relevant literature on minority business development.

He is most proud of the Agency’s *Strategic Growth Initiative* (SGI), a programmatic approach designed to increase the size, scale and capacity of minority business enterprises (MBEs) with gross receipts of \$1.0 million or more. A new core competency of the Agency is the *Business to Business Linkages* initiative intended to forge joint ventures, strategic alliances and teaming arrangements among MBEs. Langston has also been instrumental in establishing the Office of Native American Business Development; five new minority business centers in the Gulf Region in the aftermath of Hurricanes Katrina and Rita; and overseeing the Office of the White House Initiative on Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders.

Awards and honors bestowed upon Langston include the *50 Influential Minorities in Business Award*; the *Ronald H. Brown Economic Development Prism Award*; the *Strategic Thinker Award* and the *Best Practices Government Leader Award*.

Mr. Langston is an experienced private, non-profit and public sector executive. He holds degrees from the University of Iowa, the City University of New York and Harvard University. He is a member of the African Methodist Episcopal (AME) Church, Omega Psi Phi and Sigma Pi Phi Boule Fraternities, and is married to Inga P. Bumbarly, Esq.